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SUBJECT: US-EC ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. MISSION REQUESTED ADVISE EC COMMISSION THAT SUBJECT CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD AT EPA HEADQUARTERS, 401 M STREET, S. W., AND START AT 10:00 A. M., TUESDAY, MAY 24. ADDITIONALLY, PLEASE PASS TO COMMISSION OFFICIALS FOLLOWING PROPOSED AGENDA FOR THE UPCOMING CONSULTATIONS. THEIR COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED. (ORDER OF FOLLOWING ITEMS DOES NOT NECESSARILY SIGNIFY ORDER IN WHICH THEY HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP AT THE MEETING. IN FACT, DUE TO SCHEDULING PROBLEMS OF CERTAIN U. S. OFFICIALS, WE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ITEM DISCUSSED ON MAY 25, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT ITEM DISCUSSED ON MAY 24.)

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2. PROPOSED AGENDA:

A. CHEMICAL SUBSTANCES REGULATION IN THE US AND EC -
NEW LEGISLATION, SIGNIFICANT NEW REGULATORY DEVELOPMENTS

B. PESTICIDES - RE-REGISTRATION AND HEALTH EFFECTS

C. TOXIC SUBSTANCES IN WATER - CONTROL OF DISCHARGES, ETC.

D. ENDANGERED SPECIES - MANAGEMENT AND, POSSIBLY, SCIENTIFIC ISSUES

E. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT - STATUS OF EC GUIDELINES, ISSUE OF STANDING TO SUE, ETC.

F. STATUS REPORT ON VARIOUS PROJECTS

- INTERCOMPARISON PROGRAM

- EPIDEMIOLOGICAL STUDY

- ISOTOPIC LEAD STUDY

- EFFECTS OF NOISE ON SLEEP

- EPA/CEC/WHO WORKSHOP ON BIOLOGICAL SPECIMENS

IN RELATION TO SPECIFIC ITEMS ABOVE, WE RAISE THE FOLLOWING POINTS.

3. PESTICIDES: THIS WAS SUGGESTED BY THE EC, AND THERE IS SIGNIFICANT NEW MATERIAL WE CAN DISCUSS IN RELATION TO RE-REGISTRATION IN THE US. CONCERNING HEALTH EFFECTS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY SPECIFICS ON WHAT THE EC IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN. FOR OUR PART, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING ANYTHING THE EC MIGHT VOLUNTEER ON THEMES SUCH AS HEALTH EFFECTS OF FUNGICIDES, POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE, DELAYED NEUROTOXICITY EFFECTS OF PESTICIDES IN MILK. WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN EC VIEWS ON THE QUESTION OF RISK ASSESSMENT; DATA REQUIRED FOR DECISION-MAKING.

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4. ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT: IN ADDITION TO THE AGREED ISSUE OF STANDING TO SUE, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN AN UPDATE ON THE EC MOVE TOWARD DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY-WIDE GUIDELINES, INCLUDING ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND ISSUES.

5. STATUS REPORTS: ON THE PROJECTS ON WHICH THERE IS AT THIS POINT NO JOINT ACTIVITY, THE EPA NONETHELESS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN HEARING A SHORT REPORT ON PROGRESS FROM THE EC.

6. ADDITIONALLY, THE US PLANS TO TAKE SOME TIME DURING THE FIRST MORNING TO DISCUSS THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION IN GENERAL, WITH PERHAPS SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO IMPORTANT CURRENT ISSUES SUCH AS ENERGY-ENVIRONMENT AND CLEAN AIR ACT AMENDMENTS.

7. CONCERNING US PARTICIPANTS, EPA ADMINISTRATOR COSTLE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE, BUT DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR BARBARA

BLUM WILL MAKE THE GENERAL PRESENTATION REFERRED TO IN
PARAGRAPH 6 ABOVE. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL INCLUDE

LINDSEY GRANT, DEPARTMENT OF STATE; KENNETH JOHNSON, EPA
ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES, WHO
WILL HANDLE THAT ISSUE FOR THE US; DEL BARTH, EPA DEPUTY
ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR HEALTH AND ECOLOGICAL EFFECTS,
WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION OF JOINT PROJECTS;
AND RICHARD PARSONS, HEAD, US MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY, DE-
PARTMENT OF INTERIOR, WHO WILL DISCUSS ENDANGERED SPECIES
ISSUES FOR THE US SIDE.

8. WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP AS COMPLETE A LIST OF THE PAR-
TICIPATING EC COMMISSION OFFICIALS AS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER

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